



*“Save me, O God, by Your name,  
And vindicate me by Your strength.”  
--Psalm 54:1*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 99:1-3*

Leader: The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells *between* the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

**All:** *The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.*

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name -- He is holy.

## ***Gloria Patri\****

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen, amen.”

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION\*

## ***Hymn of Praise\****

TUNE: NICAEA 11.11.12.10.

## ***“Holy, Holy, Holy”***

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes four verses of lyrics. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: D, Bm, A, D, G, D, and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

**All:** *We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven., and was incarnate by the Holy*

*Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*All: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature: Prone to evil; slothful in good. From that nature has come a multitude of shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us because we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 57:15*

Leader: Hear the good news! For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*\*\*We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer*

### **Psalm 43**

TUNE: ST. AGNES CM

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*

Defend me, God, and plead my case against a godless clan;  
Deliver me from fraudulent, unjust and wicked man.

O God in Whom I refuge take, why have You cast me off?  
Why must I grieving walk about while foes oppress and scoff?

O send Your light forth and Your truth; O let them lead me well  
And bring me to Your holy hill, the place You choose to dwell.

Then I will to God's altar go, to God, my boundless joy.  
To render thanks to God, my God, the harp I will employ.

O why, my soul, are you bowed down? Why so discouraged be?  
Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still! My Help, my God is He!

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*All: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."*

### RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

*Psalm 62:1-12*

Leader: Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

*All: He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.*

Leader: How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

*All: They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah*

Leader: My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

*All: He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.*

Leader: In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

*All: Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah*

Leader: Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

*All: Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.*

Leader: God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

*All: Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 8:1-26*

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>"Speak to Aaron, and say to him, 'When you arrange the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.' " <sup>3</sup>And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>4</sup>Now this workmanship of the lampstand was hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it was hammered work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>6</sup>"Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them ceremonially. <sup>7</sup>"Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, and let them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. <sup>8</sup>"Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull as a sin offering. <sup>9</sup>"And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel. <sup>10</sup>"So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; <sup>11</sup>"and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD, like a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>"Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, and you shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites. <sup>13</sup>"And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them like a wave offering to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>"Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. <sup>15</sup>"After that the Levites shall go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and offer them, like a wave offering. <sup>16</sup>"For they are wholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the children of Israel. <sup>17</sup>"For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to Myself. <sup>18</sup>"I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel. <sup>19</sup>"And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary." <sup>20</sup>Thus Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel did to them. <sup>21</sup>And the Levites purified themselves and washed their clothes; then Aaron presented them, like a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. <sup>22</sup>After that the Levites went in to do their work in the tabernacle of meeting before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them. <sup>23</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>"This is what pertains to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting; <sup>25</sup>"and at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more. <sup>26</sup>"They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 2:1-17

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. <sup>2</sup>For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? <sup>3</sup>And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all. <sup>4</sup>For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent -- not to be too severe. <sup>6</sup>This punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority *is* sufficient for such a man, <sup>7</sup>so that, on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. <sup>8</sup>Therefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him. <sup>9</sup>For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. <sup>10</sup>Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, <sup>11</sup>lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. <sup>12</sup>Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, <sup>13</sup>I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia. <sup>14</sup>Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. <sup>15</sup>For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup>To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things? <sup>17</sup>For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: EBENEZER 87.87.D

### ***"Psalm 54"***

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

By Your name, O God, now save me; Grant me justice by Your strength.  
To these words of mine give answer; O my God, now hear my prayer.  
Strangers have come up against me, Even men of violence.  
And they seek my life's destruction; God is not within their thoughts.

See how God has been my helper, how my Lord sustains my soul:  
To my foes He pays back evil – In Your truth destroy them all!  
I will sacrifice with gladness; I will praise Your name, O LORD.  
He has saved me from all trouble; I have looked on all my foes.

## SERMON

- 1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them. Selah
- 4 Behold, God *is* my helper; The Lord *is* with those who uphold my life.
- 5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.
- 6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for *it is* good.
- 7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen *its desire* upon my enemies.

*Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: NEED 6.4.6.4.ref.

# "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Annie S. Hawks, 1872. Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872

Capo 1: (G) (D) (G) (C) (G)

1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near - by;  
3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; teach me thy will,  
5. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One;

(D) (G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D)

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.  
• come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.  
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fil.  
O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

REFRAIN (G) (D) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G)

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;

(C) (G) (Am<sup>7</sup>) (G) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) 7

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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### Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives
- Pray for the Lord to raise up what we need for a place to worship

### Announcements

- The session has decided to cancel the formal church meetings for the time being given the current circumstances. We are livestreaming the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at [www.wepca.org](http://www.wepca.org). We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- Our next outdoor worship service will be on August 30, at McKean Park, in McKean, PA. The service will start at 11 a.m. followed by a bring your own picnic. We also will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this service.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on September 5 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> street.
- The session would ask that you continue to pray as we actively seek out a place to worship. We have found a place that we feel would work for us and would ask that you would pray about this matter. We also are asking that you prayerfully consider making a one-time gift to help us with the purchase of this property.

# WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- We are Historically Reformed.
  - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
  - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
  - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
  - This means that we believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- We are Community Oriented.
  - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- We are Confessional.
  - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
  - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
  - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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